



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



It is an honor and privilege to serve as President of ASHE TRIKO Valley for the 2019-2020 calendar year. I would like to begin my term by giving a special thanks to former President Steve Mary. Steve did an excellent job over the last year. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for all their hard work and dedication. In addition, please welcome Todd Gadbury to the Board of Directors as first year Director.

The first meeting of the year was held on September 10th. Michael Loyselle, PE with Kentucky Division of FHWA gave a great presentation on his involvement in the Hurricane Maria recovery in Puerto Rico. This was an emotional, yet timely, presentation with hurricane Dorian recently hitting the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the East Coast of United States.

Our next meeting will be November 19th, with an ethics presentation by John Greenhalge from the Ohio Engineer's and Surveyor's Board. Please attend this meeting to help meet the new PDH requirements for your Ohio PE renewal.

An important aspect of ASHE is networking. We will continue to have several joint meetings and events to help with networking. Our holiday party will be December 4th at deSha's. This will be a joint event with WTS and ACEC, and should be a good networking opportunity. Also, we plan to have our March General Membership Meeting as a joint meeting with OCA. This meeting will be our annual Capital Improvement Program, and is always well attended. As we continually seek other opportunities, please contact anyone on the Board of Directors with social/networking ideas.

Our membership numbers continue to improve. We are currently at 191 members, which is very close to our 2019-2020 goal of 200 members. Ask your friends and coworkers to join us at upcoming meetings and consider becoming a member to help us meet this goal.

Our section has great membership and leadership. The Board of Directors is committed to improve our section and welcome any new ideas and input from all of members.

Tom Nicholson, Pretek Group



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The mission of the American Society of Highway Engineers is to provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation, and fellowship; promoting a safe and efficient highway system for mobility now and in the future.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

President Steve Mary called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:40 AM. Two student guests were recognized, Lisa and Jenny. Steve announced that the section won the Robert E Yeager award for the most inclusive section at the recent National Conference.

President Mary asked for approval of the March meeting minutes. After a motion by Eric Beck and second by Stan Harris, the motion passed. Three regional chair positions are open. No additional items were presented by the secretary.

Eric Kistner was not present so Steve Mary reviewed the monthly financial statement noting a balance of \$31,000.

Stan Harris said that the award-winning newsletter is on the website. We will be looking for articles for the Newsletter/Scanner.

Tom Nicholson noted that we recently had a highway cleanup day and will plan on another event in fall.

Caroline Duffy gave the ASHE PIN report thanking everyone that contacted their representatives in Ohio about the need for a state gas tax. An increase of 10.5 cents for regular fuel and 19 cents for diesel was passed into law, generating \$865 million in new funding for infrastructure improvements. Registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles and the county \$5 license tag fee were also included in the transportation budget bill. The national transportation bill is again facing a fiscal cliff, with expiration of the current bill in October 2020. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer presented President Trump with an infrastructure package of up to \$2 trillion over 10 years which he asserted could attract \$1 trillion in state and private sector spending. Industry experts are pushing for a gas tax increase between 20 cents per gallon over four years to over 25 cents over five years. ASHE PIN urges you to contact your Congressional Representative to let them know that you support a federal gas tax.

A national student chapter survey was sent out. Arron Muck reviewed the results, noting that the chapters in our region are in the growing phase. ASCE has a very large presence locally and we will look for alignments and opportunities to establish local charters.

Katie Dillenburg announced that the golf outing was a success with 72 golfers participating. This event is important as it funds our scholarships.

Steve Mary noted that the scholarship application is on the website.

President Mary announced that they are looking to set up a tour of the FC Cincinnati stadium. There are no updates on the social committee. In May, there was an opportunity to attend a Reds game with the OCA.

Steve asked for nominations for a new first year director at which time Todd Gadbury was nominated by Ted Hubbard. Steve asked members to contact the board with further nominations.

President Mary introduced Andy Pilgrim from MCM Motorsports who gave an informative presentation on distracted driving and traffic safety.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm after a motion to do so was raised by Ted Hubbard.

Respectfully submitted,
David Emerick
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE PIN Report - September 2019

The hope that the Congress and the President could work together on a much-needed transportation bill was dashed only two days after the last ASHE TRIKO Valley general membership meeting, when President Trump announced in a five minute meeting with the Democrat leaders that he would not talk with them if they were still talking about impeachment proceedings.

However, the Congressional committees still move forward. Over the summer, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee crafted a five-year highway bill, the \$259 billion the American's Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2019, that was approved in late August. The bulk of the package – \$259 billion per year – is for maintaining and repairing America's roads and bridges. Another \$10 billion is earmarked for projects to improve air quality and resilience.

"This bipartisan legislation includes the first-ever climate change items in a highway bill and would invest \$10 billion in policies and innovative projects aimed at reducing emissions and enhancing resilience," ranking member and co-sponsor Thomas Carper (D-Delaware) said.

The bill also earmarks \$1 billion for competitive grants to support the development of fueling infrastructure for electric, natural gas, and hydrogen-powered vehicles. Committee members said their hope is that increased public funding will also encourage private investment and new technology. It includes a provision, called the Bridge Investment Act, to create a competitive grant program aimed at easing the backlog in work needed on functionally obsolete bridges like the Brent Spence Bridge, and structurally deficient ones like the Western Hills Viaduct. The bill also streamlines project delivery and federal approvals.

The House also passed a transportation bill this summer that would provide \$86.6 billion per year for infrastructure, and an infrastructure grants program at DOT that would receive \$1 billion. However, the House Senators, such as Rep. Kay Granger of Texas criticized the bill.

"House Democrats have wasted opportunity after opportunity to pass meaningful, bipartisan appropriations bills," Granger said, adding, "Instead, they have written bills that irresponsibly increase spending and include partisan riders that Republicans simply cannot support," and emphasized it would not be signed into law.



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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH)

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 11:30 AM

Please join us for an ethics presentation by John Greenhalge from the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

Cost: \$25 online or at the door

Please RSVP whether paying online or at the door. RSVP by phone to Eric Kistner at 513-842-8213 or RSVP online at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro and click on Meeting Link to register and pay online.

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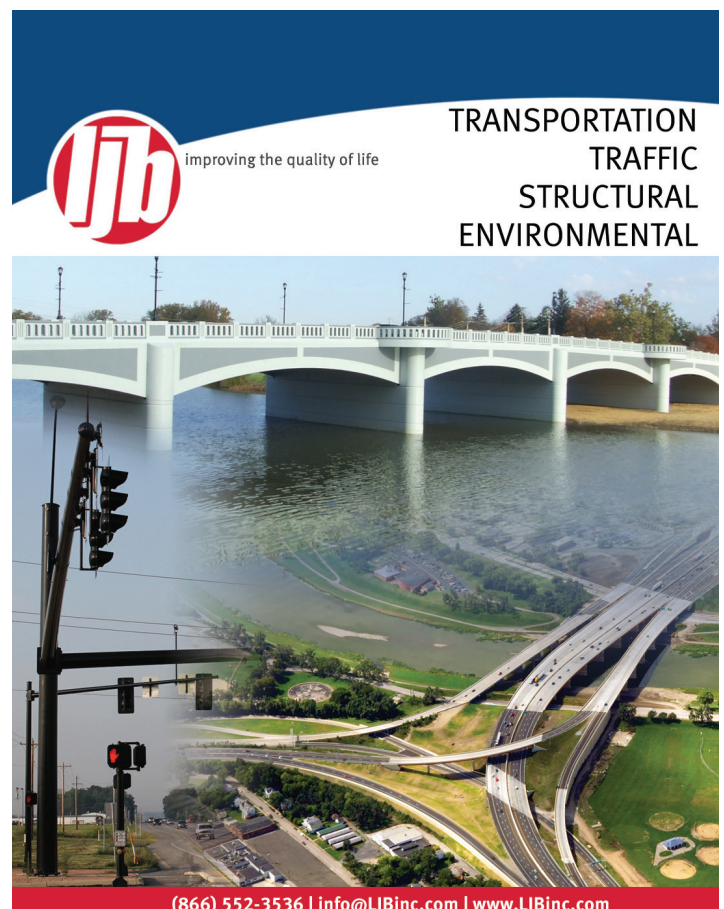
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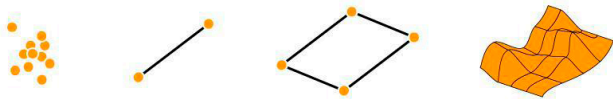
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